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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97 AND §1.98**

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find an English translation of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority in connection with International (PCT) Application No. PCT/JP2004/008498, of which the above-identified application is a National Stage Application filed under 35 U.S.C. §371. Also enclosed is a Form PTO/SB/08A, listing the enclosed document.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) are satisfied.

In any event, the following Statement is made under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e):

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

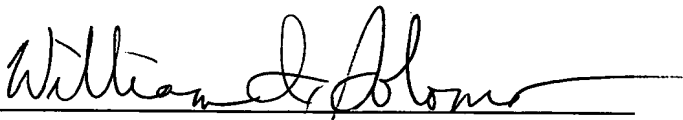
In the enclosed Written Opinion, Documents 1-3 are cited. These Documents 1-3 (or English-language documents corresponding thereto) are cited in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted March 9, 2006, in the above-identified application, and copies of such documents were submitted with such Information Disclosure Statement filed March 9, 2006.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with the present submission of the enclosed document. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document, upon examination of the above-identified application, and indication of consideration of such document by returning an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A in due course, are respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 506.45680X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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